

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0027] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0027] With specific reference to Figure 4, the second locking mechanism 26 is attached toward a backside of the mounting member 22 and includes a quick release mechanism. The quick release mechanism includes a block 38 and a lever 40 operably attached to a pivot pin 42. Block 38 may be integrally formed with mounting member 22. The block 38 includes a v-shaped recess 38a formed in an underside thereof for engaging a v-shaped edge 10a on the riving knife 10. The lever 40 is operable between an open position and a closed position (shown in phantom in Figure 4). The lever 40 includes a top end 40a and a bottom end 40b having a lock pin 44 extending from an inner side thereof for selectively engaging the aperture 16 in the riving knife 10. The lock pin 44 extends from the lever 40 at a slight angle upward relative an axis A, such that when the lock pin 44 enters the aperture 16, it engages a top surface of the aperture 16 and biases the hood assembly onto the riving knife 10. The mechanism further includes a coil spring 46 disposed between the block 38 and the upper end 40a of the lever 40 for biasing the lever 40 in the closed position. In another embodiment, the second quick release mechanism includes a spring biased lock member adapted to engage the riving knife 10 as described below in reference to Figure 9.